

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-NOVEMBER 10, 2003

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. This followed a reception at 6:45 p.m. to thank members of the Town Council who will be not serving next term. Mr. Holinko and Mr. JC Martin were warmly thanked by the Mayor and all those presents. Following a reception in their honor the Town Council opened their regular meeting.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Clouette, Schaefer, Martin  
Absent: Thorkelson(due to illness)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to accept the minutes of October 27, 2003 as presented.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan Hawthorne, Chief of the Mansfield Volunteer Department, invited the members of the Town Council to all future meetings of the Department. The meeting is held the first Monday of every month. The volunteers asked that he come and to urge the Council take off the table the issue of the Volunteer Firemen's compensation and to vote on it as soon as possible. The volunteers voted last Monday and were in favor of the program. Chief Hawthorne also inquired why does a member of the Town Council need to sit on the committee?

Mr. Mike Gergler, 19 Deerfield Lane, spoke on the Service award program for the fire volunteers. He hoped that the program would come back as soon as possible to be voted on by the Council. He sees the program as a good one and needs to go forward as soon as possible.

Mr. Eric Holinko requested the town look into doing something about the mess in the yards on Hunting Lodge Road. These areas seem to be rental houses and need to be cleaned up. The trash is offensive to persons driving on the road and the other residents who live on Hunting Lodge road.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An Ordinance Regulating Possession of Alcohol by persons under 21 years of Age.

Mr. Haddad asked if the public hearing could be recessed until the next regular Council meeting. By consensus it will be held over and not closed.

Mr. JC Martin moved that item #5 Mansfield 300 Photo Contest Winners be moved up on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Hawkins. So passed unanimously.

Mr. Art Kostapapas, chair of the event, and judges Fred A. Cazal, Jr. and Roberta Smith, Town Historian announced the winners and presented them to Mayor Paterson. The Mayor presented each with a token of the 300<sup>th</sup> celebration.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

The closeout of the landfill is expected next Spring.

3. CL&P Rate Cases-Financing of CCM Intervention in DPUC Rate Setting

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Holinko seconded that effective November 10, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager to appropriate up to \$850.00 to assist in the financing of CCM's intervention in DPUC rate setting.

So passed unanimously.

4. Underage Drinking, University Spring Weekend and President Austin's Task Force on Substance Abuse.

The staff will be completing the initial draft and will return to the council. No action taken.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

5. Mansfield 300 Photo Contest-Presentation to Award Winners

Already presented to Council

6. 2004 Child Daycare Contract Application

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Mansfield with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Daycare Services Grant Program for the Mansfield Discovery Depot, and to affix the corporate seal of the Town.

So passed unanimously.

7. Social Services Block Grant Application

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Haddad seconded that effective November 10, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager to submit an application to the US Department of Health and Human Services for a Social Services Block Grant in the amount of \$3,722.

So passed unanimously.

8. Financial Statements Dated September 30, 2003.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective November 10, 2003, to refer the Financial Statements dated September 30, 2003 to the Finance Committee.

So passed unanimously.

9. MRRA, Proposed Revisions to Solid Waste Regulations for Multi-family Collection Service

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority.

So passed unanimously.

MRRA

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Haddad seconded that effective November 10, 2003, to adopt the revisions to the Mansfield Solid Waste Regulations concerning multi-family collection service, as proposed by the Director of Public Works in his memorandum dated November 5, 2003 and which revisions become effective on Dec. 1, 2003.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn as the MRRA and reconvene as the Mansfield Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council members questioned the size of the 96' tower to be located adjacent to the Town Garage. The council felt it was supposed to be higher. Town Manager stated that this was an error in the PZC minutes. The tower was higher, and the 96' mentioned is that the Fed'l Aviation Agency determines that all towers over 96' must be lighted.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to take off the table and then table to the next regular meeting the issue of the Volunteer program for the Fire Departments.

So passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Mayor Paterson attended the evening at UConn's Rome Ballroom, which celebrated Ramadan. The event was sponsored by the Student Union Board of Governors and the Muslim Student Group.

Mayor Paterson commented on the successful opening of the Community Center. She also attended a conference held at the Community Center with /Windham Hospital.

#### IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Master Developer for Storrs Center has been selected: the Storrs Center Alliance LLC, a joint venture of Leyland Alliance, LLC and Marquette Property Investments.

The Government Finance Officers Association has again presented the Town's Finance Director and staff the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current fiscal year. Congratulations and thanks from the Town Council.

December 2, 2003 will be the next Downtown Partnership meeting.

Last Thursday the University presented the plans for agriculture development on the campus. The meeting was held in the Bishops Center. People present were generally in favor of the plan.

On November 20, 2003 there will be a meeting on Hazardous Waste at the Bishops Center at 5:30 p.m.

On November 20 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. there will be an open forum to discuss early care and education issues in Mansfield. "Community Conversation" is an event which should encourage diverse participation and to support leaning. All persons are invited.

#### X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Council member, Mr. Bruce Bellm, urged the Council to discuss, at a later date, issues such as the development of Horsebarn Hill and the agricultural department of the University. At some point the Council may want to take a position on this issue.

#### XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.I. Schilling re: General Permit Inland Wetlands-Fenton River Aquatic Study
- 11.CT Business Magazine-"Net Fiscal Impacts of New Housing Often Misunderstood"
- 12.D. Heller re: Separate Finance Boards for Regional Schools
- 13.C.vanZelm re: Progress Report on Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project
- 14.P. Lodewick re; Designation of Storrs Center Alliance, LLC as Master Developer for Storrs Center
- 15.K. Grunwald re: A Community Conversation on Early Care and Education
- 16.Government Finance Officers Association re: Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

17.G. Padick re: Proposed Telecommunications Tower, Knowlton Road, Ashford

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk